

including printing and binding and rent, not to exceed an annual expenditure of \$100,000, is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Disbursements from such appropriations shall be made by the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in behalf of the Council is authorized to accept private gifts and benefactions to be used to further the purposes of this Act, and such gifts and benefactions shall be deductible from income for Federal tax purposes and shall be exempt from Federal estate tax.

Sec. 5. This Act shall be known as the "National Wilderness Preservation Act."

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

(Mr. FLOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FLOOD. I have introduced legislation this week to return the budget processes to the legislative branch of the Government and thereby do away with the dangerous executive budget concept set up in 1921.

The unconstitutional operations of the present Bureau of the Budget, its presumption to dictate policy at the highest level, its encroachment upon the prerogatives of the Congress all go to show the present concept of the budget structure has outlived its usefulness and is now a menace to the general welfare.

Any class B dictator will soon become a full-fledged evil unless put out of existence. The integrity of the budget processes can only be preserved by the provisions of my bill to create a Commissioner of the Budget to head a U.S. Budget Office under the legislative branch of the Government.

The insolence of the Bureau of the Budget is evidenced clearly in a memorandum, dated December 31, 1958, from Maurice H. Stans, Director of the Budget Bureau in the Executive Office of the President, to the Honorable Neil H. McElroy, Secretary of Defense.

It is a shocking circumstance when a creature of executive appointment will exhibit such haughtiness and pretension. This gag rule; this conspiracy to handcuff witnesses before a congressional committee in performance of its constitutional duty borders on high crime and misdemeanor.

There is no law or regulation issued under any law and no constitutional provision direct or indirect which can justify such a memorandum as this. The next thing will be an order to place the Director of the Bureau of the Budget in some sort of Graustarkian uniform with swagger stick and a new title: "Pooh-bah and Lord High Executioner."

I call upon Congress to direct an immediate investigation of this latest affront to its dignity.

Is this what is meant by the general staff system? Is this what is meant by team play? What kind of groveling, heel-clicking, faceless wonders will this memorandum make of Defense Department witnesses before the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees of the Congress?